DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

Marcon, Inc. t/a VIP Lounge

1926 9th Street NW : Protest
Retailer CR - ANC 1B : Hearing (Status)

License No. 119913 Case #22-PRO-00035

(Application to Renew : the License)

> Wednesday July 13, 2022

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson BOBBY CATO, JR., Member RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member JENI HANSEN, Member JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

SARAH FASHBAUGH, DC ABRA Staff RICHARD BIANCO, Applicant Counsel DAN ORLASKEY, ANC 1B

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S	
2	(11:20 a.m.)	
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, the	
4	next case that we have is case number	
5	22-PRO-00035, VIP Lounge, License No. 119910.	
6	Ms. Fashbaugh, and can you please elevate the	
7	other parties in this case please?	
8	MS. FASHBAUGH: Please stand by	
9	Richard Bianco, your rights have been elevated.	
10	And Elaine Johnson is not present.	
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is Mr. Johnson	
12	from the same ANC, Mr. Orlaskey?	
13	MR. ORLASKEY: Mr. Johnson represents	
14	the WNA, the Westminster Neighborhood	
15	Association.	
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I apologize.	
17	So is Mr. Johnson	
18	MR. ORLASKEY: I believe that, that	
19	these were combined. I'm not sure if that's been	
20	done yet, but I think that, that might be the	
21	confusion	
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry.	

	what? what, sir?	
2	MR. ORLASKEY: So the, yes, there were	
3	originally two protests. This was combined into	
4	one protest with the ANC and the WNA together.	
5	So I am appearing on behalf of the protestants.	
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bianco	
7	all right, hold on. Let me, all right let have	
8	the parties then present themselves. And then we	
9	can address the other.	
10	MR. BIANCO: Sure, Richard Bianco.	
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bianco can	
12	you please, hold on. Can you spell and state	
13	your name for the record and your interest in	
14	this case.	
15	MR. BIANCO: Yes. Richard Bianco, for	
16	the applicant. First name, R-I-C-H-A-R-D, last	
17	name, B-I-A-N-C-O.	
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.	
19	Mr. Orlaskey, can you please identify yourself	
20	for the record, please.	
21	MR. ORLASKEY: Sure. Daniel Orlaskey,	
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1	ANC 1BO2.	
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Now	
3	it's my understanding, I'm just, I'm looking at	
4	the information that was given to me, that there	
5	were, this matter was being protested by two	
6	parties. Is that correct, Mr. Bianco?	
7	MR. BIANCO: Yes, that's correct, Mr.	
8	Anderson.	
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And we only	
LO	have the ANC today. And who were the two parties	
L1	who protested this matter?	
L2	MR. BIANCO: It's ANC 1B and	
L3	Westminster Neighborhood Association, WNA.	
L 4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Westminster	
L5	Neighborhood Association is not here today.	
L6	MR. BIANCO: As a result of that,	
L7	Mr. Anderson, we would move to dismiss their	
L8	protest.	
L9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Since they are	
20	not here, this matter was scheduled, this matter	

was scheduled for a protest hearing status at

10:30 this morning. These are virtual hearings.

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1	It's 11:25. And the Westminster Neighborhood		
2	Association is not here.		
3	So since they're not here, and it is		
4	required that if you are protesting, you have to		
5	show up at this status hearing. I'm going to		
6	make a motion that they, that Westminster		
7	Neighborhood Association be dismissed from this		
8	matter. Is there a second?		
9	MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett		
10	seconds.		
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett		
12	has seconded the motion. Let's, we're going to		
13	have a roll call vote on that motion.		
14	(Roll Call)		
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short?		
16	MEMBER SHORT: I agree.		
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?		
18	MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.		
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?		
20	MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I		
21	agree.		
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?		

Ms. Hansen?

(No audible response)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

MEMBER GRANDIS: I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,
I agree. The matter passes 5-0-0. So the
Westminster Neighborhood Association, they will
have, they'll receive notice, and they'll, they
will be granted ten days to appeal this matter to
give us good cause why they were not here today.

If they do not appeal this matter within the ten days and for the Board to consider whether or not they have good cause why they were not here today, they are permanently dismissed from having standing in this case.

What that means Mr. Orlaskey, if we're moving forward with this hearing, you can, if they want to participate, you could call them as witnesses, sir. But they do not have their own standing to move forward unless this matter has been overturned.

All right. Are there any other

_	preliminary matters? Any preliminary matters by	
2	any other party?	
3	MR. BIANCO: None from the applicant.	
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Orlaskey?	
5	MR. ORLASKEY: None from the ANC.	
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,	
7	then. This matter, then, is scheduled for a, I'm	
8	sorry, a protest hearing on August 8th, at 1:30	
9	p.m.	
LO	MR. BIANCO: Mr. Anderson, I actually	
L1	have that for August 31st. But I could double	
L2	check the date with the agency.	
L3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: My record says	
L 4	August 8th. And so, I will were you give that	
L5	date Mr. Orlaskey? Was that? Am I correct?	
L6	MR. ORLASKEY: I don't have it in	
L 7	front of me. I can do the 31st. That's also	
L8	fine with me if that's better for Mr. Bianco.	
L9	MR. BIANCO: No, either is fine. I	
20	just wanted to get clarification on the date.	
21	I'll follow up with legal to make sure.	
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm online.	

1 I'll try to get a response right now. 2 MR. BIANCO: Yes. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 3 I'll get, I'll 4 get your response in just -- let's hold on for a 5 minute and I'll get you a response. While I'm waiting to get the date, I just want to remind 6 7 both parties that seven days prior to the hearing, you are required to do a PIP. 8 9 Both, both this case is for the 10 renewal. The applicant to renew the license. Yes, seven days prior to the hearing, both sides 11 12 are required to do a PIP. 13 If a PIP is not done, then the Board 14 is empowered to prevent each side from relying on 15 documents and witnesses that have not been 16 disclosed seven days prior to the hearing. 17 If this matter goes to a hearing, 18 because the hearings are done virtually, you are 19 limited to 60 minutes to conduct your case. And 20 you are prohibited from calling more than five, more than five witnesses. 21

This matter then is

All right.

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	scheduled for the protest hearing on August 31st	
2	at 1:30. So the hearing this, this is the	
3	renewal case. And this, it's scheduled for the	
4	protest hearing on August 31st at 1:30 p.m.	
5	MR. ORLASKEY: This is, just one quick	
6	question, this is for the renewal, not for the	
7	substantial change. Right?	
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is for the	
9	renewal. This is for the renewal.	
10	MR. ORLASKEY: All right. Thank you.	
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. All	
12	right. So August 31st at 1:30. Have a great	
13	day. And thank you, very much.	
14	MR. BIANCO: Thank you, Mr. Anderson.	
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're welcome.	
16	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter	
17	went off the record at 11:58 a.m.)	
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